

2015 Nevada State FFA Convention



Awards Booklet

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2015 Convention Sponsors

NEVADA FFA FOUNDATION

Agricultural Issues Forum

Wells Auto & Hardware

Agricultural Sales

Wells Auto & Hardware - In Memory of
Horace Smith

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FarWest Equipment Dealers' Assoc.

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Don & Barbara Elser - "In Memory of proud
parents supporting FFA in Elko County,
especially Buster Wines of Ruby Valley and
Elko County"

Dairy Cattle Management & Evaluation

Northern Nevada Dairymen

Pete & Ruth Olsen

Rosemary Hoskin

Environmental & Natural Resources

USDA Natural Resources Conservation
Service

Assemblyman Lynn Stewart

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Troy Jordan

Farm Business Management Jr. & Sr.

American Ag Credit

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Don & Jolene Noorda

Floriculture

Jack Hammer Inc.

John & Amanda Hutchings

Jim Barbee & Heather Dye

Joe & Jamie Frey

Horse Evaluation

Ken & Rebecca Wellnitz

Job Interview

Nebe Family

William Hoskin

Livestock Evaluation

Anderson Dairy

Doug & Doris Hoskin

Tonja Dressler

Vance & Jody Vesco

Gene & Penny Dodge

Marketing Plan

American Ag Credit

Gary Aldax

Meats Evaluation & Technology

Host - WolfPack Meats

Nevada Beef Council

Milk Quality & Products

Anderson Dairy

Northern Nevada Dairymen

Dennis Hoskin

Nursery Landscape

Gus & April Wright

Brian Hoskin

Host - Rail City Garden Center & Master
Gardners, Pawl Hollis

Parliamentary Procedure

City of Fallon

Barnes Ranches

Curt & Lynda Jordan

Poultry Evaluation

Nebe Family

Shane & Bobbi Sutton

Prepared Public Speaking

American Ag Credit
Don & Barbara Elser - "In Memory of Ted Fairchild, Ruby Mountain FFA Chapter."
Jeff & Julie Wurtz
McMullen, McPhee & Company

Rangeland

Nevada Farm Bureau
Great Basin Ecology, Inc.
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Rituals

Troy Jordan

Scholarships

American Ag Credit
Rocky Mountain Agronomics & Washoe Springs Ranch
Nevada FFA Foundation

Service Project

Nevada Dept. of Agriculture
Washoe County Farm Bureau
Host – Boys & Girls Club

Host – High Desert Farming Initiative

Sessions

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources
Newmont Mining Corporation
Western Nevada Supply
Custom Ag Solutions
Doug & Doris Hoskin

Soils & Homesite

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Nevada Farm Bureau

Speaker – Keynote

Gallagher Ford

Star Awards

Copley Family - "In memory of Austin Jon Park"
American Ag Credit
Doug & Doris Hoskin
Steve & Michele Lewis
Doug & Doris Hoskin

Veterinary Science

Nevada Veterinary Medicine Assoc.

2015 Convention Results

Agriscience Fair

Plant Systems Division II:
Allie Smith, Silver Sage FFA- "Hydro Grow"

Ag Issues

Silver Sage FFA – High Team

Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems

Silver Sage FFA – High Team
Lincoln FFA – 2nd High Team
Moapa FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Taylor Andersen, Silver Sage FFA – High
Hagen Webster, Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High
Andrew Doren, Silver Sage FFA – 3rd High

Ag Sales

Silver Sage FFA – High Team
Sierra Nevada FFA – 2nd High Team
Winnemucca FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Zachary Burns, Silver Sage FFA – High Individ.
Colton Brunson, Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High Individ.
Erin Hill, Sierra Nevada FFA – 3rd High Individual

Best Informed Greenhand

Wells FFA – High Team
Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High Team
Churchill County FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Liberty Johnson, Wells FFA – High
Cody Gibbs, Wells FFA – 2nd High
Ruth Gale, Wells FFA – 3rd High

Creed Speaking

Liberty Johnson, Wells FFA - High
Mary Tomera, Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High
Hellen Albaugh, Churchill County FFA – 3rd High

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Churchill FFA—High Team
Wells FFA- 2nd High Team
Winnemucca FFA- 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Melinda Fagundes, Churchill County FFA- High
Wyatt Gibbs, Wells FFA- 2nd High
Haley Hall, Winnemucca FFA- 3rd High

Dairy Handler (From 2014)

Caden Lehman, Capitol FFA

Environmental and Natural Resource

Wells FFA– High Team
Silver Sage FFA– 2nd High Team
Sierra Nevada FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

DeMar Gale, Wells FFA – High
Patrick Wines, Wells FFA – 2nd High
Wyatt Gibbs, Wells FFA– 3rd High

Extemporaneous Speaking

Makenna Taylor, Silver Sage FFA – High
Garrett O'Toole, Moapa Valley FFA – 2nd High
Raymond Thompson, Lincoln Co. FFA – 3rd High

Farm Business Management

Wells FFA – High Team
Sierra Nevada FFA – 2nd High Team
Lincoln County FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Kacey Franco, Wells FFA – High
DeMar Gale, Wells FFA – 2nd High
Raymond Thompson, Lincoln Co. FFA – 3rd High



Jr. Farm Business Management

Wells FFA – High Team

Individuals:

Liberty Johnson, Wells FFA – High
Ben Ballard, Wells FFA – 2nd High
Mikayla Rodriguez, Wells FFA – 3rd High

Floriculture

Wells FFA – High Team
Moapa Valley FFA – 2nd High Team
Churchill County FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Deseret Johnson, Wells FFA – High
Shiley Blackwell, Moapa Valley FFA – 2nd High
Josey Moore, Churchill FFA – 3rd High

Novice Floriculture

Wells FFA – High Team
Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High Team
Smith Valley FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Mikayla Rodriguez, Wells FFA – High
Brynne McMurray, Moapa Valley FFA – 2nd High
Macy Rice, Silver Sage FFA – 3rd High

Homesite (From 2014)

Moapa Valley FFA – High Team
Winnemucca FFA – 2nd High Team
Wells FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Emm Smedley - Moapa Valley FFA – High
Brynne McMurray – Moapa Valley FFA – 2nd High
Bailey Kesl – Moapa Valley FFA – 3rd High

Horse

Winnemucca FFA – High Team
Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High Team
Churchill FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Sydney Felton, Churchill County FFA – High
Emily Dieneman, Smith Valley FFA – 2nd High
Aspen Whinnery, Wells FFA – 3rd High

Job Interview

Carley Ingram, Sierra Nevada FFA – High
Deseret Johnson, Wells FFA – 2nd High
Wyatt Gibbs, Wells FFA – 3rd High

Livestock Evaluation (From 2014)

Winnemucca FFA – High Team
FFA – 2nd High Team
FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals

Shauna Smith, FFA – High
FFA – 2nd High
FFA – 3rd High

Meats

Wells FFA – High Team
Pahranagat Valley FFA – 2nd High Team
Silver Sage FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Leticia Ray, Pahranagat Valley FFA – High
Deseret Johnson, Wells FFA – 2nd High
Chelsea James, Wells FFA – 3rd High

Marketing Plan

Silver Sage FFA – High Team

Milk Quality and Products

Churchill County FFA– High Team
Diamond Mountain FFA– 2nd High Team
Pahrnagat Valley FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Utah Ray, Pahrnagat Valley FFA – High
Joseph Watts, Diamond Mountain FFA – 2nd High
Madison Perazzo, Churchill County FFA– 3rd High

Nursery/Landscape

Diamond Mountain FFA – High Team
Wells FFA – 2nd High Team
Silver Sage FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Crystal Lake, Wells FFA – High
Gracie Damele, Diamond Mountain FFA – 2nd High
Megan Damele, Diamond Mountain FFA – 3rd High

Parliamentary Procedure

Wells FFA – High Team
Silver Sage FFA– 2nd High Team
Diamond Mountain FFA – 3rd High Team

Parliamentary Procedure High Chair:
Chelsea James, Wells FFA



Novice Parliamentary Procedure

Wells FFA – High Team
Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High Team
Diamond Mountain FFA- 3rd High Team

Novice Parliamentary Procedure High Chair:
Ben Ballard, Wells FFA

Poultry

Ruby Mountain FFA – High Team
Wells FFA – 2nd High Team
Carson Valley FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Layne Zeiszler, Ruby Mountain FFA – High
Tanner Yaunick, Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High
Kenneth Clack, Ruby Mountain FFA – 3rd High

Prepared Speaking

Abigail Alstatt, Smokey Valley FFA– High
Brendan Mears, Diamond Mountain FFA – 2nd High
Alexie Beisinger, Silver Sage FFA – 3rd High

Range (From 2014)

Wells FFA – High Team
Ruby Mountain FFA – 2nd High Team
Lincoln County FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Deseret Johnson – Wells FFA – High
DeMar Gale – Wells FFA – 2nd High
Wyatt Gibbs – Wells FFA – 3rd High

Rituals

Churchill County FFA – High Team
Silver Sage FFA – 2nd High Team
Carson Valley FFA – 3rd High Team

Soils (From 2014)

Moapa Valley FFA – High Team
Winnemucca FFA – 2nd High Team
Battle Mountain FFA – 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Whitney Wickersham – Moapa Valley FFA – High
Brynne McMurray – Moapa Valley FFA – 2nd High
Riley Fulmer – Moapa Valley FFA – 3rd High

Veterinary Science

Sierra Nevada FFA- High Team
Carson Valley FFA- 2nd High Team
Silver Sage FFA- 3rd High Team

Individuals:

Rachel Godecke, Carson Valley FFA – High
Hannah Forbes, Carson Valley FFA – 2nd High
Colton Brunson, Silver Sage FFA – 3rd High

Star Awards

Star Greenhand - N/A

Star Zone Farmer in Ag Placement –
Mykle Peters, Silver Sage FFA

Star State Farmer in Ag Placement -
Trevor Merrit, Diamond Mountain FFA

Ag Mechanics Olympics

Duck Valley FFA

Best Dressed Chapter

Sierra Nevada FFA

Chapter Books

Best Scrapbook- Silver Sage FFA
Best Reporter's Book- Winnemucca FFA
Best Treasurer's Book- Silver Sage FFA
Best Secretary's Book- Winnemucca FFA

Chapter Achievements

Best Program of Activities- Silver Sage FFA

National Chapter Award -
Silver Sage FFA, Gold Ranking
Ruby Mountain FFA, Gold Ranking
Sierra Nevada FFA, Silver Ranking
Diamond Mountain FFA, Silver Ranking
Churchill County FFA, Bronze Ranking

Superior Chapter Awards –
Churchill County FFA, Diamond Mountain FFA,
Sierra Nevada FFA, Silver Sage FFA, and Ruby
Mountain FFA

*American AgCredit Scholarship,
\$1,000*

Blake Duncan- Winnemucca FFA

*Nevada FFA Foundation Don
Campbell Memorial Scholarship,
\$500*

Crystal Hubbard- Diamond Mtn. FFA

*Rocky Mountain Agronomics &
Washoe Springs Ranch
Scholarship, \$1,000*

Ali Mendez Silver Sage FFA

Proficiencies

Sheep Production:

Gold 1st Place: Blake Duncan, Winnemucca FFA

Gold: Ali Mendez, Silver Sage FFA

Diversified Agriculture Production

Gold 1st Place: Makenzie Gordon, Winnemucca
FFA

Forage Production

Gold 1st Place: Megan Damele, Diamond Mtn FFA

Beef Production Entrepreneurship

Gold 1st Place: Sarah Smith, Winnemucca FFA

Honorary State Degree

Mark & Kai Weaver
Ken & Rebecca Wellnitz
Fernando & Kathleen Mendive
Maria Cale
Jeffrey & Julie Wurtz
Joel & Joie Perry
Matt McKinney, Bently Ranch
Woody Worthington, Bently Ranch
Tod Radelfinger, Bently Ranch

2014 American FFA Degree

Celina Bailey, Diamond Mountain FFA
Richard Harvey Barnes, Silver Sage FFA
Amberlee Burrows, Sierra Nevada FFA
Casey Jo Dack, Ruby Mountain FFA
Colleen Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Wells FFA
Rae B. Garrett, Wells FFA
Lauren Gentry Gates, Ruby Mountain FFA
Branden Stacey Harris, Carson Valley FFA
Makenna Johnson, Silver Sage FFA
Jessica Kayleen Johnston, Smith Valley FFA
Sarah Frances Krum, Silver Sage FFA
Ethan Marshall, Diamond Mountain FFA
Jessica Sarah Martin, Carson Valley FFA
Cassandra Sarman, Silver Sage FFA
Kristina Marie White, Sierra Nevada FFA
Rachel Lyn Wines, Wells FFA
James Robert Yaunick, Silver Sage FFA

*Silver State FFA Degree
Recipients*

Carson Valley FFA
Brittney Clark - Melissa Russell

Churchill County FFA
Brandon Burgess - Cassidy LeGaux -
Morgan Morris

Diamond Mountain FFA
Catrina Brown - Nick Hornberger - Brendan Mears
-Trevor Merritt

Mason Valley
Seth Beaton - Shea Scandrol

Moapa Valley FFA
Josie Henrie - Bailey Kesl - Baxter Baker -
McKayla Roberts - Skyler Whipple

Ruby Mountain FFA
Jennifer Cervantes - Leigha Zeiszler

Sierra Nevada FFA
Carley Ingram

*Silver State FFA Degree
Recipients (continued)*

Silver Sage FFA

Matthew Barnes - Taylor Andersen - Anthony Buzzetti -
Kaitlyn Delbridge - Morgan Nichols - Lauren Spalding -
Brienna Wooden - Katherine MacDiarmid - John Lydon-
Abbygail Estes - Kody Kirby

Smith Valley FFA

Mattie Johns - Cassidy Scatena - Garet Giovacchini

Wells FFA

Demar Gale - Wyatt Gibbs -Tessa Hubert - Teigan
Myers - Rachel Johnny - Jacqueline Huff - Hailey
Swan -Joseph Tate - Shauna Wilson

Winnemucca FFA

Mackenzie Gordon - Hayley Hall - Kylie Lewis
Brittany Partee - Sarah Smith - Shauna Smith

Star Administrators

Duane Mattice, Principal, Yerington High School
Rod Adams, Principal, Moapa Valley High School
Ray Parks, Principal, Lowry High School
Tim Connors, Vice Principal, Lowry High School

2015-2016 State Officers

President—Blake Duncan, Winnemucca FFA
Vice President—Blane Merkley, Churchill County
FFA
Secretary—Melissa Russell, Carson Valley FFA
Treasurer—Tessa Hubert, Wells FFA
Reporter—Seth Beaton, Mason Valley FFA



Delegate Business (Summary)

President Whitney Weaver gave the **Nomination Committee** the power to act on selecting the 2015-2016 State FFA Officer Team.

A motion was made and passed to accept the list of **State FFA Degree recipients**.

Convention Year and Review Committee – The committee averaged the results from both the advisor and student evaluation questions. Some discussion occurred about the night activity. The committee suggested that the delegates accept the report as presented. A motion was made and passed to accept the committee's report.

Financial Review Committee – The delegates reviewed the financial records of the Nevada FFA Association from Fiscal Year 2014. The committee suggested that the delegates accept the financial records as presented. A motion was made and passed to accept the committee's report.

Business Committee –

Several changes to the Constitution and By-Laws were proposed by the Nevada FFA Association Executive Committee. A motion was made pertaining to each section. **All MOTIONS PASSED**

CONSTITUTION

The majority of the changes to the constitution pertained to updating language to match current terms and phrases related to the NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION and current operating procedures. These changes were included within ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION; ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION; ARTICLE IV – PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF CHARTERED LOCAL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS; ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP; ARTICLE VI – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES; and ARTICLE IX - STATE MANAGEMENT.

Some of the edits to ARTICLE IX changed current policy on the management structure. Below is a summary of these edits.

Section C – Governing Board

1. The governing board of the organization shall be Nevada FFA Board of Directors, which shall consist of:
 - a. State FFA Advisor of the Nevada FFA Association
 - b. President of the Nevada Agriculture Teachers Association (NATA) or a representative appointed by the NATA
 - c. President of the Nevada FFA Association
 - d. Member of the Nevada FFA Alumni, nominated and selected by the FFA foundation board of directors
 - e. Twelve persons to be selected by the Board of Directors of the FFA Foundation, all of whom must have an interest in the agriculture industry and youth
 - f. Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member
2. The terms of office of members of the Nevada FFA Board of Directors and the method of selection of such members, other than the ex-officio members, shall be prescribed in the Nevada FFA Advisory Board's By-Laws.
3. The Nevada FFA Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year at such time and place as may be prescribed by the board.
4. The board of directors will provide financial oversight for the Nevada FFA Association.

Section D - Governing Committee

The governing committee shall consist of the State Officers, State Advisor, NV Dept. of Agriculture, Agriculture Literacy Coordinator, and the Executive Director. This committee shall have the power to deal with items of business of the Nevada FFA Association. The committee will consult the state officers and Nevada Agriculture Teachers Association on an as needed basis. All official actions of the Governing Committee shall be reported to the Nevada FFA Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS

Similar edits were made to the by-laws. These updates were made to ARTICLE III (updated the current list of chapters & zones); ARTICLE IV; and ARTICLE V.

Proposed National FFA Delegate Issues – No issue was submitted by a Nevada FFA chapter.